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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 1/8/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst on 1/8/64 at 7:45 pm with 8 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read the fifth queyy.

-. The minutes of the meeting of 12/11/63, which had been approved as written, were read.

1. After a discussion of the scholarship fund, which arose from the minutes, it was agreed to authorize the treasurer to grant scholarships to the amount allotted for this purpose in the operating budget with consulting monthly meeting. It was reported that $10.00 of scholarship mpney was used for the Young Friends Conference at Woolman Hill.

2. Attenders at Quarterly Meeting at Hartford to be held on 2/2/64 will be this meetings representatives. They are to present a concern of this meeting for a more active participation in the affairs of the Beacon Hill Friends House of this Quarterly Meetings representatives.

3. Georgeana Foster was appointed to collect the new names suggested for the meeting and to be prepared to review the arguments pro and con a change of name at the next monthly meeting. It would be helpful to have the names posted on the bulletin board. Hope was expressed that a decision might be reached at the next monthly meeting.

-. In reporting for the Building Committee John Zahradnik indicated that the committee felt that the most important items of furniture are: benches to seat 100 in the room for worship, 100 folding chairs, range, refrigerator, kitchen cabinets, possibly folding tables. It was suggested that the range, refrigerator, and kitchen cabinets might be postponed and that the benched could temporarilly be replaced by the folding chairs. It was also pointed out in discussion that much some of this furniture was including in the construction contract, notably cabinets, refrigerator and range.

-. The Treasurer presented the following report:

Savings Account:		$ 461.69
Operating Budget:	Balance, 5/31/63	$ 175.63
	Current budget	2495
	Received since 6/1	1339.50
	Balanced to be raised	1150.50
Building Fund	Balance, 5/31/63	6905.77
	Contributions	4077
		11,002.77
	Spent	5692.11
	Balance	5309.87
	Contributed toward 1964	375.

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Amortization Fund:	Balance, 5/31/63	$ 627.50
	Contributions	1832.50
		2460
	Contributed for 1964	375

-. The report of the Finance Committee is attached to these minutes.

4. The Treasurer was authorised to:
   (a) Use his discreation about seeking payment of the unpaid $450 commitments to the building fund;
   (b) Liquidate any deficit in the building fund by transfer from ~~the building~~ fund, the sense of the meeting being that the distinction between "building"cand "amortization" is, in this instance, arbitrary.

5. The Finance Committee was asked to take any steps it deems advisable to secure the payments of the 1964 commitments to the amortization fund by June 1964.

6. Any discussion of the means of eliminating the $255 deficit in the annual amortization fund was postponed.

7. Means of raising the $3,300 for furniture was discussed. It became clear to many Friends that the Sunset Avenue lot would probably have to be sold, and that this matter should be discussed in the near future. The meeting also approved the borrowing of additional money from the Greendfield Meeting.

8. In view of the interest pp in preparing a history of the meeting in connection with the dedication of the meetinghouse, a committee consisting of Helen Griffith, Francis Holmes and Fritz Kaufhold, convenor, was appointed for this purpose.

9. The Building Committee was given the authority to negotiate with the building ~~for t~~ and architect for the erection of a construction sign at the meetinghouse site.

-. During a discussion of ways of calling attention to the called meeting at Woolman Hill on 1/22, it was suggested that active members bring a new or less active members. The Clerk expressed willingness to organize this.

-. A request of the Meeting School to send a representative to the meeting was received; it was suggested that a discussion of the philosophy of this school would be an appropriate occasion for a joint meeting of the adult discussion group and the high school class.

10. Designs for benches for the meetinghouse were presented, and that of Trevor Robinson seemed to ~~re~~ find favor. Trevor Robinson agreed to prepare a model by next first day and a full-scale sample by next monthly meeting. The Building Committee was asked to ask the architect to study and modify this design. It was felt that a choice of design should be made at the next monthly meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of 1/8/64

A decision as to how the benches are to be made - by meeting labor or b y outside contract - and how they are to be paid for should also be made at the next monthly meeting. Postponement of decisions will delay the ~~maki~~ procurement of the benches beyond the opening of the meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE January 8, 1964.

In late September, 1963, when the decision was made to request bids for the new meetinghouse, the estimated amount needed (including architect's fee but nothing for landscaping or furnishings) was $ 70,015. The finance committee reported that Friends and attenders had indicated readiness to make gifts which added to other available funds would make possible a $ 21,000 down payment, but that commitments toward amortization were $ 900 to $ 1,000 short of the $ 3,670 estimated as needed for annual payments.

Bids were higher than the estimates. The figure accepted for the contract (exclusive of equipment) was $ 67,400. This, with architect's fee and $ 500 added for lightening rods, came to $ 74,640, compared to the $ 70,015 upon which previous calculations had been based. Meanwhile, commitments for additional contributions had been made which more than covered the previous amortization deficit on the estimated cost but did not cover all the amortization cost for the accepted bid.

Following is the situation as of January 5, 1964:

1. - Commitments toward initial contract expense are short of the amount needed by $ 640. Of these commitments, $ 450 are still to be received by the treasurer. Some contributors have increased the amount of their gifts above the amount committed to the extent that the actual shortage will be only about $ 190 when all commitments are received.

2. - Annual charges (amortization plus interest to Meeting House Fund) amount to approximately $ 3,956. Commitments to date total $ 3,701, leaving us short $ 255 per year of the amount needed for annual charges.

3. - Special expenses outside the contract costs have occurred as follows:

Surveyor	$ 182.07
Insurance	268.00
Attorney	312.83
Total	$ 762.90

Also, interest on amounts advanced to us by the bank during construction to pay the contractor may amount to as much as $ 1,000. (Our regular monthly amortization payments to the bank will not start until some weeks after the meeting house has been completed.) Since the first year for which amortization commitments were made ends May 31, 1964, we can expect to receive before June an amount of $ 3,701 ($ 2,460 of this is already in the hands of the treasurer.) Against this we have the above charges totalling $ 1, 762.90, leaving about $ 1,938 as yet uncommitted from the first year's amortization fund.

4. - Present concerns of the finance committee are five:

a. Contributors should be encouraged to complete their gifts toward initial building expenses as soon as possible.

b. Provision should be made to cover the $ 190 deficit in initial expense. (Perhaps by authorizing the treasurer to pay it from amortization funds?)

c. Contributors should be reminded that gifts toward the current year's amortization should be in the hands of the treasurer before June.

d. A way must be found to cover the amortization deficit of about $ 255 per year.

e. There has been no provision made to date for covering the additional $ 3,300 needed for such equipment as stove, refrigerator, kitchen cabinets, folding chairs, tables and benches. This must be done far enough in advance so that equipment can be bought, built and installed by the time the building is ready for use.

Robert M. Myers, Chairman

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Meeting held 2/12/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst at 7:45 pm on 2/12/64 with 17 Friends present. During the period of mediation the clerk read the sixth query.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held 1/8/64 were read and corrected. It was agreed to approve these minutes as they are to be written.

2. The requst of Stephanie C. Burnham for a transfer of membership to the Reno meeting was approved.

3. The reaction of the discussion of the Queries at Woolman Hill was favorable, and the desirability of further meetings for continuing the discussion was indicated. The possibility of centering the Adult Discussion Group on this subject was suggested.

-. Philip Woodbridge announced that in view of a new meeting for worship of Friends in Putney for southern Vermont and New Hampshire. the meeting for worship in Greenfield is discontinued.

-. Georgeana Foster reported on Quarterly Meeting, held at Hartford on 2/2/64. Among the items of business was the announcement of the organization of a meeting for worship in Springfield under the care of the Hartford Meeting.

4. After an extended discussion, the meeting approved the sale of the Sunset Avenue lot and the use of the proceeds for the construction and furnishing of the new meetinghouse. John Zahradnik, Francis Holmes and John Foster were appointed a committee to negotiate the sale. They were authorized to consult experts. Hope was expressed that the land not be sold for purposes uncongenial to friends. There was a widely held feeling that the lot should be sold at a fair market value.

-. John Zahradnik announced for the Building Committee that arrangements have been made for a sign at the site of the new meetinghouse, the cost to be divided among the meeting, the architect, and the contractor. He also announced that the all purpose ~~room~~ wing had been enclosed and that framing for the meeting room and library is being worked on.

5. A discussion of the benches for the meetinghouse resulted in the conclusion that the Building Committee, Trevor Robinson, and the architect should seek a ~~modified~~- compromise design. It seemed, further, that the best solution to the making of the benches is to purchses the benches unfinished rather than to try to make them ourselves. It was hoped that suitable benches could be obtained for under $2500. The ~~Commi~~ Building Committee was authorized to expend funds for a sample bench and to enter a contract for their manufacture.

6. Friends agreed to take advantage of Laurence Miller's visit to New England to meeting with him early in March, probably the 6th or the 9th. Details of the meeting will be arranged by the Program Committee. Laurence Miller is Executive Secretary of the Friends General Conference.

7. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee was asked to prepare a letter opposing the death penalty to be sent to the Joint Judiciary Committee of the General Court and to arrange for its presentation.

-. The meeting concluded at 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 3/11/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:45 pm on 3/11/64 in the Grange Hall in Amherst with 14 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read an Advice of London Yearly Meeting regarding the holding of the meeting for business. The minutes of the meeting of 2/12/64, having been approved as written, were read.

1. The presentation of a Query on Young People by the Student Outreach Committee engendered a discussion of the use of Queries by the Meeting. The Committee's proposed query was accepted: Are you sensitive to the needs of students and young people in our midst?

2. The suggestion that Meeting for Worship precede 1st Day School and Adult Discussion and that Meeting begin at 10:30 am was referred to each standing committee to assess its implications, and Ministry and Counsel was asked to make recommendations regarding the use of Queries during the Meeting for Worship. The suggestion that children and young people attend meeting for the first 15 minutes instead of the last was referred to the Religious Education Committee.

-. It was announced that a joint meeting of Amherst and Smith students will be held at the Rices' on 15 March at 5:30 pm. Friends are encouraged to attend and are asked to call the Rices or the Havenses.

3. The sale of the Sunset Avenue lot making additional funds available for building construction, consideration was given to features to be added to the meetinghouse. It was agreed that storm-windows be added and that the Building Committee be urged to add screens. This Committee was asked to obtain a contract estimate for a fireplace. The installation of carpet in the meeting room was approved in principle, but the Building Committee was asked to investigate further the matters of cost and kind and to report to next monthly meeting.

4. The new bench design was accepted subject to the satisfactory performance of a full-scale model, which the Building Committee was authorised to procure.

5. The vacancy on the History Committee created by the resignation of Fritz Kauthold was filled by the appointment of Teresina Havens.

6. Frances Crowe and Fritz or Alison Kauthold were appointed as overseers for the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston.

7. The Nominating Committee presented a description of duties to be assigned to the Building Committee upon the completion of the meetinghouse and a recommendation that a Friend be designated as the Schedule Officer. This committee, as envisioned by the Nominating Committee, is responsible for the maintainance of the meetinghouse and grounds and with scheduling its use. A discussion of names of committees was resolved by empowering the Nominating Committee for determine the names of committees.

-. The Clerk expressed appreciation to John Zahradnik and Curtis Johnson for their careful attention to the construction details on the new meetinghouse.

8. The Clerk reported that the Sunset Avenue lot had been sold by the Special Committee to Louis Foods for $15,000. This transaction received meeting approval.

-. A volunteer was asked for to type that newsletter. As an alternative, the secretarial service which mimeographs the letter would also be asked to type it

-. After a period of meditation the meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4/8/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at the Amherst Grange Hall on 4/8/64 at 7:45 pm with 13 Friends present. During the opening meditation that James and Inez Fuller be remembers by Friends. James has recently been obliged to return to the hospital.

-. The minutes of the meeting of 3/4/64, which had been approved as written, were read.

-. The treasurer presented the following report.

Regular Budget	
Balance on hand 6/1/63	175.85
Operating budget	2495.
Constributions	1841.50
To be raised	693.50
Paid on 1964-65 budget	273.80
Building Fund	
Balance on hand, 6/1/63	6954.77
Contributions	4528.24
Sale of lot	15000;
	26434.01
~~Balance~~- Spent	15773
Balance	10660.51
Amortization Fund	
Balance on hand 6/1/63	627.50
Contributions	3338.50
	3966
Interest	90.63
Balance	3875.37
Paid on 1964-65 budget	375.00

(Spartan Construction)

1. The Report on the State of ~~the~~ Society, prepared by Ministry and Council, was read and approved; the duplication of this report and its distribution with the Newsletter were likewise approved. Margaret Holden offered to arrange for the duplication of the report.

2. Trevor Robinson presented, on behalf of the Building Committee, the model bench which was accepted with the following provisos:

That the screw heads on the seat be unfilled and that cushions be purchased for all benches;
That raising the ffront edge of the ~~bench~~ seat by 1/4 inch be considered by the architect;
That footrests be added to the number of benches as determined by the Building Committee, subject to the approval of the architect.

3. The clerk presented information regarding carpet for the meeting room, and it was agreed that carpet be installed and that the Building Committee determine the quality and color of carpet to be selected in consultation with the architect.

4. Trevor Robinson presented information of the cost of a fireplace in the all-purpose room, and it was agreed to install one in this room.

5. Friends attending Quarterly Meeting to be held in New Haven 5/3/64 were appointed delegates.

6. The announcement of the availability through the AFSC of David Hartsough as a speaker was referred to the Student Outreach Committee, which was authorized to expend funds for an honorarium.

7. The announcement of Peace Caravans of the Friends General Conference, the clerk was asked offer hospitality and to indicate that the possibility of a large meeting is unlikely.

8. The meeting agreed to assume the expences incurred by the Building Committtee in securing improved anchors for the trusses in the Meetinghouse.

9. Philip Woodbridge announced that gift of a stove to the Meetinghouse by Dudley H. and Alice Woodbridge of Morristown, N.J., The clerk was asked to express our appreciation of the gift.

--. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 5/13/64

-. The regular meeting for business was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst on 5/13/64 at 7:45 pm with 9 Friends present. During the opening period of meditation, the clerk read the second query.

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 4/8/64 were read and corrected, having been approved as written.

2. From discussion of the minutes arose the question of paying transporation on costs on the stove given by Dudley and Alice Woodbridge. John Zahradnik was asked to determine this cost and the Treasurer was asked tonpay it.

-. The Treasurer reported that up to 4/8/64, $1801.50 had been received toward the current operating budget, leaving $693.50 to be raised. In the past month, $397.00 has been received, leaving $296.50 to be raised by the end of May.

3. The matter of changing the name of the meeting was presented and approval was given to changing it. After extended discussion, it seemed right to present a summary of this discussion in the Newsletter and to indicate that the name Mt. Toby was generally preferred.

-. The clerk asked that Friends planning to attend yearly meeting make their intentions know, so that their names might be suggested as representatives from our Quarterly Meeting. The Curtis Johnsons indicated that they are planning to attend.

4. The report of the Nominating Committee, which is attached to these minutes, was approved with the exception of the Hospitality Committee. Approval of this item was deferred to a later meeting.

5. Helen Griffith, David and Margaret Holden, Russell Brooks, and Robert Agard, convenor, were named to serve as the Nominating Committee for 1964-66.

6. The meeting expressed thanks for Georgana Foster for her services as keeper of the mailing list.

-. The clerk expressed pleasure in the increased willingness during the past four years for members of the meeting to participate in the work of the meeting,

7. John Zahradnik told the meeting of Stephen Fletcher's offer to serve as a consultant in the landscaping of the meeting house. This offer was received with great appreciation. In discussion, it was hoped that the landscaping would be simple in appearance and easy to maintain. Details are to be arranged by Stephen

Fletcher and the Building Committee.

8. The Clerk called attention to a Pendle Hill Conference on the Ministry to the Academic Community on 10-13 September. The meeting is invited to send at least one delegate, for which the paying of attendance expences was approved. Ministry and Counsel was asked to name the delegate, proferably from its membership.

9. Traveling minutes were approved for John and Georgana Foster, Trevor and Laura Robinson, and Thomas and Frances Crowe.

10. It was agreed to hold meeting for worship at 10 am from 21 June through 6 September.

-. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthy Meeting of Friends

May 13, 1964

Nominations for meeting officers for June, 1964, through June, 1966

Clerk: Trevor Robinson

Recording Clerk: Francis Holmes

Treasurer: Barbara Gilbert

Nominations for Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
(alphabetical order)

Phyllis Agard
Russell Brooks
Lester or Margaret Clarke
Helen Griffith
Margaret Holden
Fritz Kaufhold
Julia Leonard
Philip Woodbridge
Miriam Zahradnik
M.M.Clerk, Trevor Robinson ex officio

Nominations for members of Meeting committees
The convener is named first. Members are then named in alphabetical order.

Newsletter
Editors: Gladys Myers
Robert Myers
Staff: Steve Fletcher
Mary Kentfield
Catherine Leonard
William Ross
Harold Winchester

Peace and Social Concerns
Convener: Philip Woodbridge
Members: Leone Barron
Frances Crowe
Judy Harrison
Robert Harrison
Gertrude Huntington
Mary Kentfield
David Leonard
Robert St. Clair
Adele Wehmeyer

Program
Convener: Frances Crowe
Members: Robert Agard
Miriam Zahradnik

Clothing
Convener: Mary Taylor
Members: Anne Agard
Ellen Agard
Susan Fletcher
Flora Johnson
Francis Holmes
Dorothy March

Religious Education
Convenor: Phyllis Agard
Members: Anne Agard
Ethel DuBois
Bryce Ford
Barbara Gilbert
Teresina Havens
Bruce Hawkins
Nancy Rice
Robert St.Clair
William Ross

History and Records
Convener: Fritz Kaufhold
Members: Janet Ford
Helen Griffith
William Ross
Mary Taylor

Student Outreach
Conveners: Joseph Havens &
Michael Rice
Members: Bryce ford
David Huntington
Curtis Johnson
Myrtle Johnson
Margarete Koppitz
David Leonard
Elizabeth St. Clair
representative students from the 4 colleges

Outreach
No convener for '64-'65
For '65-'66 Georgana Foster
Members: Margaret Holden
Allison Kaufhold
Margaret Marlar
Lois Winchester

Library
Convener: Helen Griffith
Members: Ellen Agard
Robert Agard
Francis Holmes
Catherine Leonard
Dorothy March
Gladys Myers

Hospitality
Convener: Mary Clark
Janet Ford
Catherine Leonard
Elizabeth St. Clair

Finance	Convener:	Robert Myers
	Members:	Thomas Crowe
		John Foster
		David Holden
		Treasurer, Barbara Gilbert, ex officio

MEETINGHOUSE	Convener:	John Zahradnik
	Scheduler:	Robert Agard
	Members:	Ethel DuBois
		Steve Fletcher
		Georgana Foster
		Robert Harrison
		David Huntington
		Curtis Johnson
		Myrtle Johnson

Trustees: To serve six year terms, starting in June, 1964:

Thomas Crowe
Barbara Brooks

To serve ex officio, while serving as treasurer:

Barbara Gilbert

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Holmes, Convener
John Foster
David Huntington
Philip Woodbridge

MINUTES, MIDDLE CONN. VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, JUNE 10, 1964.

- Meeting opened with a period of silence and the reading of ninth and tenth queries.

Robert Myers was appointed recording clerk pro tem.

Minutes of Meeting for Business on May 13 were read.

- Trevor Robinson reported that Phyllis Agard was appointed to attend the conference at Pendle Hill Sept 10-13, on Ministry to the Academic Community.

1. The Clerk reported a request for transfer of membership to this Meeting of Stevenson W. Fletcher III and Susan Cadwallader Fletcher of Newtown, Pa., Monthly Meeting and Salem, N. J., Monthly Meeting, respectively, accompanied by a request from them that their daughter Anne Cadwallader Fletcher be recorded as an associate member. Requests approved.

- The Clerk reported that investigations disclose the word "Toby" has two meanings: it indicates a receptacle for drinking beer and is also used to indicate a large black cigar. But it is also a diminutive of "Tobias" which means "The Goodness of God". Mount Toby itself is named after Capt. L. Nathan Toby, reputed to be the first white man to have reached the summit. Consideration of the name "Mount Toby Monthly Meeting" postponed.

2. The contractor has agreed to have the meeting room ready for use by July 1, and the remainder of the building three weeks later. Benches will be ready for use. Friends approved discontinuing use of the Grange Hall by the end of June.

- Steve Fletcher reported that plans about landscaping are under discussion, with hopes for a lawn and a start on other planting before fall.

3. The Nominating Committee reported that Friends wish to have Fellowship luncheons continued, but that no member of Meeting has been found to act as chairman. The Nominating Committee recommends that Hospitality Committee be discontinued. It was felt that the Meeting House Committee would be carrying some of the responsibilities formerly belonging to Hospitality Committee. It was approved that we postpone appointment of such a committee, with appreciation to those who have offered their services.

4. Friends approved omitting the August Meeting for Business, with the Chairman of the Meeting House Committee authorized to call a Meeting for Business if any need should develop. We shall need to appoint a committee for Quarterly Meeting at July Meeting.

5. John Foster read texts of travelling minutes authorized at May Monthly Meeting for Trevor and Laura Robinson and for Thomas and Frances Crowe. These were approved.

6. Friends approved the drafting of the travelling minute for John and Georgana Foster by Trevor Robinson.

7. A report was presented from Meeting for Ministry and Counsel on the question of a change in schedule for adult forum, Meeting for Worship and First Day School. It was suggested that the present schedule be followed for two months after resumption of activities in the fall, with possible reconsideration later. After extended discussion this was approved, with the directive that forum be ended at least ten minutes before time for Meeting for Worship.

- The Clerk requested a volunteer to be responsible for opening and closing the Grange Hall until July. Steve Fletcher agreed to do this.

A need was reported for sponsors for young people attending Yearly Meeting. Louis Marsteller has agreed to sponsor three young Friends for our Meeting.

8. Annual reports from Library Committee and Student Outreach Committee were read and accepted.

- Friends approved asking the Trustees to take responsibility for deciding where the deed to the Meeting House property should be kept.

10. After further consideration of change in the name of the Meeting, with no clear sense of the Meeting, it was approved that we again postpone any decision in this matter.

11. After consideration of two samples of materials available to cover cushions for the benches, Friends approved buying the less expensive cloth-covered cushions in place of plastic.

- Friends were reminded that new committees now take office in June.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk pro-tem.

Annual Report of Student Outreach Committee

May 1964

postmarked Aug. 20, 1964

Since its appointment last fall the Student outreach Committee has held four meetings, three of them attended by varying numbers of students from the four colleges.

From these meetings there emerged a recommendation that it was not advisable for the Monthly Meeting to establish an extensive student program that was set apart from the normal activities of the Meeting. Students consulted expressed strongly their interest in being included in all Meeting concerns and in developing informal relationships with members on an individual basis. The ideal of thorough integration of all members and attenders of the Meeting--student and adult--needs to be kept constantly before us; but its attainment has continued to be elusive. As one step in enlarging channels of communication between the Meeting and students, student representatives were named from each of the four colleges. Student groups have continued meeting together at Smith and Mt. Holyoke with active participation by certain adult members; but the geographical spread among those who attend our meeting will probably always hinder a thorough mixing of all students with all members.

Plans have been made for several special activities next fall with the hope of calling attention of students to the Meeting early in the school year. Information will also be prepared for publication in the student handbooks of the four colleges.

The committee initiated a proposal for consideration by the Monthly Meeting that it might be desirable to interchange the times of the adult discussion group and meeting for worship. A query was also prepared for use by the Meeting if it seemed appropriate--A "Are you sensitive to the needs and interests of students and young people in your midst?"

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT for 1963-1964

postmarked Aug. 20, 1964

Happy is the country that has no history runs a familiar saying. How different the case with committees! The Library Committee is unhappy that it has so little history to record. To be sure the budget has been spent for a few new books and to replenish equipment. Also volumes of Friends Journal and The Friend (London) have been bound. BUT

The committee has held fewer meetings than ever before; fewer books and pamphlets have been processed and shelved than ever before (about twenty-five); fewer gifts of books from Meeting members and attenders than ever before(the bulk of our additions have usually come from this source); and worst of all, fewer books taken out by members and attenders.

However there are some sizable debts of gratitude to pay in which the Monthly Meeting as a whole should join. Curtis Johnson and his helpers have never been properly thanked for making that so-useful display shelf you see weekly, or those long-suffering people, whoever they are, who come early and among other things lug the heavy shelfufull of books up from the basement and at the end return it to its congested hiding place. It must be a discouraging labor if they observe that almost nobody has bothered to look over the books or take any out.

Another thank-you should go Louis Marstaller and his New England Yearly Meeting office for collecting and giving to us the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting from 1945, (the date of the coming together of the two yearly meetings) and also the minutes from 1906 of one of its constituents, the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Also we should again thank the Zahradniks for their generous hospitality. Their parlor with all the imported shelves has been a welcome haven for our library during these difficult years.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Gilbert, Chairman

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, JULY 8, 1964, AT THE GRANGE HALL, AMHERST, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:03 p.m. with the reading of the 8th query and a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 7.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of June 10 were read.

3. John Zahradnik reported that after consultation with his subcontractors, the contractor, Anthony E. Conklin, was obliged to revise his promise, to the effect that we now can move into the new meeting house at the end of July. Meanwhile, the contractor is paying our rent at the Grange for the month of July.

4. Steve Fletcher agreed to continue to open the Grange Hall during July.

5. Trevor Robinson reported that the travelling minute for the Fosters has been written and given to them.

6. It was approved that future nominating committees should bear in mind the difficulties often encountered by a non-member in the attempt to serve as a committee chairman.

7. The annual report of the Clothing and Relief Committee was accepted and is attached hereto.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer was accepted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT - END OF FISCAL YEAR 1963-64

In regular treasury at beginning of fiscal year.....	$208.70
Contributed toward this year's budget.....	2,769.00
Total.....	2,977.70
Spent on budget ($2495.00 was budgeted).....	-2,279.75
Balance in regular treasury.....	697.95
In Building Fund at beginning of fiscal year.....	6,905.77
Contributed this year to building fund.....	4,506.24
From sale of lot.....	15,000.00
Loan from Greenfield Meeting.....	4,000.00
Grant from Meeting House Fund, Friends General Conference.....	2,000.00
Loan from Meeting House Fund, Friends General Conference.....	4,000.00
From Amherst Savings Bank.....	5,625.00
Total.....	42,037.01
Spent on Building expenses (not including interest).....	-30,400.50
Now in Building Fund.....	11,636.51
In Amortization & Interest Fund at beginning of fiscal year...	627.50
Contributed this year.....	3,568.00
Total.....	4,195.50
Spent (interest paid to Amherst Savings Bank).....	-137.51
Now in Amortization & Interest Fund for this year.....	4,057.99
Contributed toward next year's budget.....	273.80
Contributed toward next year's Amortization & Interest Fund...	375.00
Now in Savings Account.....	508.71
In Total Treasury (excluding Savings Account).....	$17,041.25

Thomas J. Crowe, 95 Round Hill Road, Northampton, Mass.

8a. It was pointed out that the Amherst Savings Bank must know by the end of July what will be the maximum level of our mortgage. The Finance Committee is asked to submit this figure to the Monthly Meeting and to the bank. to Myers

9. The budget for the coming year has been submitted to the June Monthly Meeting for Business in past years. The Finance Committee is asked to prepare a budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1964, through May 31, 1965, for consideration of the September Monthly Meeting for Business. to FC

10. For the Building Committee, John Zahradnik presented a list of special furnishings for the First Day School (about $260), and chairs and folding tables for the Fellowship Room (about $700 f.o.b.), not as yet approved in detail by the Business Meeting. Since benches and cushions have cost about $2300 of a budgeted $3000 for furnishings, approval is needed to exceed $3000 by about $300. to My

11. It was approved that the Building Committee may use a furnishings budget of $3500 for the time being, instead of $3000, in planning for furnishings to include rooms used for Religious Education Committee, Fellowship Room, Library, Kitchen, Office, and Clothing and Relief, providing that this extra $500 is available in the building fund. The Finance Committee is asked to advise the Building Committee whether it is available. to Myers

12. Barbara Gilbert, and John and Miriam Zahradnik were appointed Monthly Meeting representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Rindge, New Hampshire, on August 2nd. to Gilbert

13. The October Quarterly Meeting will be here. Laura Robinson has volunteered to arrange the food-planning. It was approved that the Program Committee be asked to plan the program, to compose the notice to be sent out, and to consult with any other appropriate committees. to Crowe

14. Change of Monthly Meeting name was further discussed but no decision made.

15. The following text for the sign at the new meeting house was approved:

FRIENDS MEETING
(QUAKERS)
WORSHIP 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY

with a provision for changing the hour announced for the meeting.

16. Friends are grieved to record the death of James Everard Fuller, a member of this Monthly Meeting, who passed away on May 22, 1964. to Kaufhold

17. John Zahradnik called attention to the need for another active member on the present Board of Managers of the Beacon Hill Friends House. This Monthly Meeting will try to find one of its members, preferably from the Student Outreach Committee. John and Miriam Zahradnik were asked to find out at the August 2 Quarterly Meeting what procedure the Monthly Meeting should follow in this regard. to Havens

18. The Clerk announced that on the morning of July 18 there will be another bench-finishing session at the Zahradniks'.

19. The Clerk announced that the Meeting is invited to the Johnsons' farm for fellowship luncheon July 26. This will be announced at each of the next 2 meetings for worship.

20. The Clerk read announcements about:
    a. Sturbridge Village special meeting on July 12.
    b. pamphlets available on Avon.
    c. 2 conferences for High School students:
        1. Guilford College, North Carolina, August 9-14.
        2. Friendly Crossways, Littleton, Mass., August 20-26.

21. The Young Friends of North America sent a letter to the effect that they had lost our response about a caravan in our vicinity and their program is now fully worked out. Their closest meetings are in Concord, N.H., and Albany, N.Y. to Cr.

22. It was approved that the dedication of the new meetinghouse be on the day of the October 1964 Quarterly Meeting, but distinct from the Quarterly Meeting's business by having the business session throughout the morning, followed by Quarterly Meeting dinner, followed by a meeting for worship in the new meeting house (which will constitute the dedication), followed by a tea. The Clerk will appreciate suggestions as to who should be invited, including people connected with the early history of this meeting. to Cr.

23. The foregoing minutes were approved.

24. After a brief silence, the meeting closed at 10:55. Attendance then was 9.

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

THOMAS J. CROWE
95 ROUND HILL ROAD
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Treasurer Report - End of Fiscal Year 1963-64

208.70	in regular treasury at beginning of fiscal year
2769.00	Contributed toward this years budget
2977.70	
-2279.75	spent on budget (2495.00 was budgeted)
697.95	balance in regular treasury

6905.77	in Building Fund at beginning of fiscal year
4506.24	Contributed this year to building fund from sale of lot
15000.00	Loan from Greenfield Meeting
4000.00	Grant from Meeting House Fund - F. J. Corp
00.00	Loan from Meeting House Fund - Friends Hen Corp.
.00.02	From Amherst Savings Bank
5625.00	
42,037.01	
-30,400.50	spent on Building Expenses (not incl int to Amherst Savings Bank)
11,636.51	now in Building Fund

627.50	in Amort. & Int. Fund at beginning of fiscal year
3568.00	Contributed this year
4195.50	
-137.51	spent (Int. paid to Amherst Savings Bank
4057.99	now in Amort & Int. Fund for this year

73.80	Contributed toward next years budget
375.00	Contributed toward next years amort. + Int. Fund

508.71	now in savings account
17,041.25	in Total Treasury (excluding Savings Acct) (697.95 + 11,636.51 + 4057.99 + 273.80 + 375.00)

July 7,1964

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of Clothing and Relief Committee

Fiscal Year 1963-1964

As usual, clothing was collected continuously throughout the year in Amherst in a barrel at the First Congregational Church, and also was brought from elsewhere by individuals intermittantly to various members of the committee or to a box often placed outside the Friends Meeting room at the Grange Hall. A drive for men's clothing was conducted on the Amherst College campus in June 1964, thanks to the efforts of student Blair Stewart, recruited by Dudley Towne. Surprise balls of yarn were prepared by the children of the Friends Meeting at Christmas, and money collected on a Christmas tree.

The United Church Women's clothing group met twice a month throughout the year except summer, plus extra sessions after the drive, to sort, sew, clean, and pack the clothing under direction of Mrs. Ada Teague Mrs. W.W.Stifler and Mary Taylor. The Friends Meeting held additional sessions planned by Becky Holmes, to sort the clothing from the special drive. Three shipments were made this year to the Material Aids Section of the A.F.S.C. in Philadelphia (Dec.4, Apr.29, and July 6) for a total of 75 packages, weighing 2,576 pounds. This makes a total of 26,431 pounds shipped to A.F.S.C. from Amherst since January 1955 when the present program began under the Amherst Preparative Meeting (NOTE: for Sept.1962 to Aug.1963 data are mislaid and estimated at 2000 pounds.) Approximately the same weight of items was sent to Good Will Industries in Springfield, consisting of items not useful to the A.F.S.C. or with too little wear still in them to be worth long-distance shipping, or unrepairable with our facilities. Transportation from Holyoke to Philadelphia was donated, for the fourth consecutive year, by the Hugh F. Gannon Freight Forwarding Co., Dwight st., Holyoke, originally recruited by Peggy Holden.

Since the AFSC estimates its clothing program value at $1 per pound, and the less useful items sent to Good Will may be estimated at 1/10 as much, we find that we have handled $2,834 of relief materials in the past year and $28,074 since Jan. 1955. Considering that often we cannot give as much cash as we wish to give to the AFSC, we can feel pleased at being able to process and forward help of this value in addition to cash donations.

The capacities of the United Church Women's sewing group in Amherst about equals the regular influx of donated clothing, so that even when drives are held in this one town, we feel it necessary to set up a separate sorting group to try to ease the burden. For this reason, the Monthly Meeting's committee has not felt that it could afford to extend its efforts into others of the 100 towns in the 4 counties of western Massachusetts which are more-or-less in the area of our meeting - towns where there may or may not be clothing drives already under way. Now, however, with the imminent opening of our new facilities for storage, sorting, sewing and shipping from the new Meetinghouse, the possibility arises of leaving Amherst to the present set-up and using the new facility largely for work throughout the valley. Experience has shown that public appeals bring in far more clothing than labor to handle it. Therefore any broadening of our activity should be gradual and should be based on willingness by particular individuals to help sort and sew regularly and by particular individuals to serve as contact persons in various towns for collection and local transportation, and possibly even for establishment of local cleaning and mending groups. The clothing from such groups could be sorted and packed and shipped by use of our new rooms.

The A.F.S.C. reports that there is still urgent need in many areas of the world for material help, including particularly blankets and men's and children's clothing. Their experience has shown them that natural and man-made calamities follow one another with depressing regularity, so that clothing collected now may well serve its function in a disaster that will occur during the next month or two. The A.F.S.C. is remarkable among relief agencies for the close supervision it gives to its distribution of clothing without regard for questions of race, personality, religion, or politics, but solely on the basis of need. It is also well-known for the use of its material aids as part of a well-planned over-all program for rehabilitation that considers simultaneously the physical, mental, moral, and emotional aspects. Our meeting is well situated to serve as a focal point for funneling relief materials to Philadelphia from all of western New England, with both the new rooms in the new meetinghouse, and the free shipping available daily. We should not hesitate to make the best use of this fortunate state of affairs. Volunteers are encouraged to contact members of the Clothing and Relief Committee to discuss how they can best help.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes

for the Committee

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964, AT THE GRANGE HALL, AMHERST, MASS.

(THERE WAS NO AUGUST MEETING)

1. The meeting opened at 7:58 p.m. with the reading of the 6th query and a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 13.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of July 8, 1964, were read.

3. The Clerk requested that the annual reports of the Religious Education Committee and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee be submitted.

4. John Zahradnik reported for the Meetinghouse Committee that, at his request, the Committee has selected a new convener, who is Steve Fletcher. We now have a firm commitment from the Contractor that we can hold our first Meeting for Worship at the new meetinghouse on September 20. The Meetinghouse Committee has defined its present responsibilities as upkeep of buildings and grounds. Because of heat scheduling, Robert Agard should be advised of all meetings planned for the meetinghouse by the preceding Sunday.

The Committee suggests that rough clipping of the non-mowed areas be hired (at about $45 per year), that snow-plowing be hired (cost estimated by Finance Committee as $150 per year), and that 2 or 3 times per year professional floor-cleaners remove and replace and buff the wax on the floors. Steve Fletcher asked about the feeling of the Meeting about cleaning and grounds care, which are estimated at an average of $\frac{1}{2}$ day per week for each function. The minimum estimated for a hired janitor and gardener is $500 per year. We have 50 resident adult members in the meeting, so janitorial and gardening work would require only about 8 hours per adult member per year. It was agreed that we try to do this by volunteer labor, at the start.

Steve Fletcher reported that most of the 3 acres will be put into pasture, and a lawn be put only near the building, especially at the front. He estimated $155 for fertilizer, lime and seed. Volunteer labor will be needed to pick stones, rake, and apply the necessary ingredients, on a Saturday about $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks from now. The Meetinghouse Committee will make the announcement by telephone when the exact time is known. More exact figures on snow-plowing, waxing, etc., will be provided by the next Monthly Meeting.

Steve Fletcher has 2 firm quotations on the plants needed to follow the landscaping plan around the meetinghouse itself, guaranteed to live, at $250 or $350, depending on the size of the plants. The planting will require our own volunteer labor. These plants represent about 2/3 of the total cost of plants in the landscape plan. The Meeting approved spending up to $300 for these foundation plants, choices on individual plants to be left to Steve Fletcher. In general, the Meeting is in favor of purchasing smaller plants at lower cost.

Steve Fletcher presented a list of maintenance and cleaning items that must eventually be bought, totaling $172.73. He further reported that for the Quarterly Meeting we shall need to get $110 worth of kitchen equipment, including a coffee percolator costing $30 to $40. The expenditure of this $110 was approved. We need future donations or purchases of a lawnmower, a refrigerator, a vacuum cleaner, equipment for a fenced-in play area, fireplace equipment and fire extinguisher. Becky Holmes donated a floor waxer and polisher. Peter Holmes' offer to give a used climbing gym to the Meeting for the playground was accepted. Teddy Marlar offered to donate a tractor tire for a sandbox.

5. John Zahradnik reported that the library area has a book display and bulletin board opposite the entry door. To avoid fluttering papers, the Meetinghouse Committee suggests the books remain in the center, the bulletin board be on the right side, and a pamphlet display be on the left. This proposal was approved.

6. John Zahradnik pointed out that the sign at the road will cost about $150. We still have no estimate on storm windows, which may reach $600, an amount which was previously authorized. The sign has been designed and lettered by the architect. The painter has not yet painted it. The Meeting approved that a line be added to the sign saying "ALL ARE WELCOME", its exact location to be left to the discretion of the Meetinghouse Committee. cc. to Zahradnik

7. For the Program Committee, Frances Crowe reported a proposal for a 2-day Quarterly Meeting, with a focus on race relations today, starting Saturday noon, with Meeting for Ministry and Counsel at 1:00 and program discussion starting at 3:00, the Sunday schedule being as in the July Minute 22. This plan is the expression of a concern that the Quarterly Meeting be a less automatic, less business-centered event, but serve better to bring together ideas in the Quarter about Friends' concerns. The Havenses reported Pendle Hill discussions along this line, which emphasized the accelerating urgency of racial problems. John Zahradnik reported that the Quarterly Meeting said the host Meeting may do as much as it wishes to make Quarterly Meetings more meaningful, even to having a session last several days. There was general expression of the desirability of a carefully-planned program of the type suggested, but of doubt as to whether we can add it to the unusual physical requirements of reading the new meetinghouse for its first Quarterly Meeting. The conference on race relations was postponed. It was approved that there may be announced informal activities on Saturday for those who want to come then, with an offer of overnight hospitality, the Program Committee and the Meetinghouse Committee to settle details of these. cc. to Crowe

8. The Clerk read a letter from Rutherford B. Everest, Pastor of the Worcester Monthly Meeting, at 19 Oxford Street, Worcester, Mass. He is convener of the Arrangements Committee of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, which accepts the invitation of our Quarterly Meeting to meet jointly with us in October, and he seeks details regarding how, when and where we can do so. It was approved that the Program Committee and the Clerk together determine how we can make arrangements to fulfill this obligation. It was pointed out that we have space for both groups to meet separately for business in our new meetinghouse if children are cared for outdoors or elsewhere during these meetings. to Crowe

9. The Clerk proposed that a mimeographed sheet be prepared as a souvenir of the dedication day. It was agreed that there be reproduced a list of quotations, compiled by the Friends General Conference and held by Ethel Dubois, on the subject of welcoming people to worship.

10. The need for an Open House for the general community was expressed by John Zahradnik. It was not clear whether all would fit in the building in conjunction with the 2 Quarterly Meetings. It was approved that the Dedicatory Service be with the Quarterly Meetings present, on October 4, and that the community's Open House be the preceding week, September 27, both at Meeting for Worship and during the rest of the day.

11. John Zahradnik urged that a representative be appointed to discuss with the Amherst Journal Record whether the usual advertising in connection with the new meetinghouse can be diverted in part or whole into contributions to the American Friends Service Committee, with only a brief newspaper announcement of the opening and of appreciation for the part played by all concerned in the construction of the building. Responsibility for this and for publicity about the opening of the meetinghouse was given to and accepted by Joseph Havens. cc to J. Havens

12. The foregoing minutes were approved.

13. A minute of the Religious Education Committee, and explanatory comments thereon,

were read by Teresina Havens, proposing the strengthening of the meeting by a revision of the schedule of Sunday events, and an establishment of joint activities of children with adults. The proposal is attached to these minutes. The Meeting took no action thereon but adjourned at this point for 1 week, until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, at the new meetinghouse. It was agreed that the Business Meeting at that time would start with a consideration of the proposal of the Religious Education Committee.

14. After a brief silence, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m. Attendance then was 17. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 22.

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

Religious Education Committee Minute

I. Underlying concern: Saturday, September 5, 1964

The specific recommendations below arise out of a concern to strengthen our Meeting-for-Worship and the total life of our Meeting

a) by the greater participation of our children in Worship;

b) by all of us, of all ages, growing together in discovering the meaning of Worship in all aspects of life;

c) by all ages sharing creative ways to deeper awareness.

(We plan to write a letter to the children in each Meeting family, interpreting the spirit and intent of our new venture.)

II. Specific recommendations:

Starting with the first First Day in the new Meeting House (hopefully Sept. 20)

Meeting for Worship to be at 10 AM, families and children together

Children who need to leave, leave at about 10:20 for First-Day-School Groups

1st 3 grades - Ethel Dubois

4th-5th-6th grades - Bryce Ford
David Lorand + Bruce Hamilton

11 - 11:15 Friendly visiting

11:15 - 12 Small interest groups - vertical (i.e. mixed ages, adults and children together on basis of interest, not of age) - limited to about 10 members each.

Starting with 2 groups: Bryce Ford - Art as a way of growing in awareness
Nancy Rice - Nature-study " " " " "

and gradually developing other groups as interests arise and leadership is available. Possible groups include the following:

Dramatization
Clay and pottery (possibly in Ethel Dubois' barn)
Poetry reading and writing
Service projects - AFSC sewing, mending, etc.
Physics and the spirit
Discussions - current issues,
personal faith
reports of conferences and workshops
Music
rhythmic movement + dance

One of the urgent reasons for recommending that Meeting-for-Worship be first, is the difficulty of either stopping or cleaning-up the enthusiastic clay and paint wielders once they are started! On the above plan, parents and other adults can not merely see what their children have done but do it with them after Meeting.

(not part of official Minute, but should help to communicate its rationale)

How the Religious Education Committee arrived at ~~this suggestion~~ its conclusions:

A deep concern was voiced by Barbara Gilbert, Nancy Rice, and Bryce Ford that participation of our children in Meeting-for-Worship is central to our overall thinking and planning.

We need their presence in Meeting-for-Worship. We long for them - as well as for ourselves - to find our way into an inner sanctum of Silence where we can hear their the still small voice, especially in times of crisis and uncertainty.

But for this to happen, it is important that our children feel comfortable in Meeting - many feel part of the Meeting Family. It will not be likely to happen unless/adults have taken the trouble to come to know many of the children, as people in their own right, not merely as appendages to other adults. This cannot be engineered by some sudden strategy, but can grow if the Meeting provides opportunities for natural sharing in ways meaningful to all ages and interwoven with the undergirding search for spiritual Centering.

The above considerations led us to envisage the possibility of the kind of creative interest groups discussed below.

Other concerns, such as that of David Leonard for our need of more background in Bible, Christian origins and church history, will, we hope, begin to be met by the proposed adult study series projected by Ministry and Council for 6 evenings this fall.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 16, 1964, AT THE NEW MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 12.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of September 9, 1964, were read.

3. The proposal of the Religious Education Committee was presented and discussed at length and the conclusion reached to defer any change in the scheduled time of Meeting for Worship until next Monthly Meeting and to continue meeting for worship at 11:00 until that time, with arrangements for First Day School left to the Religious Education Committee for that period. The Religious Education Committee will present a revised proposal at the next Monthly Meeting. A detailed summary of the discussion is attached to these minutes. cc. to Phyllis Agard

4. Helen Griffith presented the cause of changing the name of the Monthly Meeting and summarized the status of each name suggested to date. It must be settled soon for the sake of printed letterhead paper and a library rubber stamp. Since the meeting was not agreed upon any single name it preferred to the present one, the question was referred to a committee comprising Helen Griffith, Gladys Myers, Ethel Dubois, Philip Woodbridge, and Mary Kentfield, to study the subject and bring in a recommendation. cc to H Griffith

5. In view of our Dedication, Rutherford Everest told the Clerk that the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting will not meet with our Quarterly Meeting this October, although they may send representatives. Laura Robinson requests help with food for the Quarterly Meeting. The announcements of the Quarterly Meeting have been printed.

6. The purchase of calendars to send at Christmas (6¢ each plus postage) was approved. cc. to R Myers

7. Detailed consideration of the 1964-5 budget was postponed until the next Monthly Meeting. The totals proposed are:

Operating budget....	$3,085
Building budget.....	3,260
Total.....	$6,345

cc. to R Myers

8. The foregoing minutes were approved.

9. Announcements:

a. In view of the Open House on September 27, Fellowship Lunch will be limited to coffee prepared centrally, and sandwiches brought by those who will consume them. A sheet will be posted for signing-up to help part of that afternoon.

b. The Meetinghouse Committee needs at least 4 able-bodied men and several women Saturday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m., to clean up the building.

c. The Religious Education Committee will be responsible for moving materials from the Grange Hall. This committee will meet tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. at Ethel Dubois' home.

d. Philip Woodbridge reported for Marion Woodbridge on the severity of the illness of Lucia Russell.

e. The Clerk announced that Marjorie Laufman was married last Saturday (September 12, 1964) to Milton Gordon. cc. to F. Kauffelt

f. Ethel Dubois brought greetings from Walter and Elined Kotschnig.

10. The Student Outreach Committee requested $25 for the coming year, some to be spent during the coming month. The meeting ~~approved~~ agreed that they spend several dollars in the coming month and asked the Finance Committee to include their request in the proposed budget. cc. to J. Hanlon cc. to R Myers cc. to Worthington

11. The meeting closed at approximately 11:00 with a short period of silence. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 20. Respectfully submitted, Francis W. Holmes

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Informal notes taken on the discussion on Minute 3 of September 9, 1964. These were not submitted to the Business Meeting for approval. F.W.Holmes.
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The proposal was presented by Phyllis Agard. There was discussion on how long the children should or could stay in the meeting for worship, and whether they would all leave together or disturb the meeting by different classes leaving at frequent intervals; on whether the first or last part of the meeting is most meaningful for children; and on whether people from the more distant areas served by the meeting could be present promptly by 10:00 a.m. in winter weather. Alternatives suggested were starting the plan at 10:30 and running through to 12:30, or reversing the 10:00 and 11;00 portions of the plan. Publicity for the current year has already announced meeting for worship as 11:00. College students must meet deadlines for their noon meals. More frequent Fellowship Luncheons were proposed. Support was expressed for the suggestion that late-comers enter only at 20 minutes after the beginning, when the children leave. It was then emphasized that the main point of the plan was to permit children and adults to work and play together non-verbally. Both strong doubts about radical changes, and high hopes and confidence were expressed by different persons on this point; examples of success elsewhere and testimony from the children were cited in support of the new plan. Many of our children don't like First Day School or Meeting for Worship, and this new plan is an experiment in prevention of their boredom through flexibility, something equivalent to Christmas activities that have left pleasant memories with us. The need not to abandon valuable formal learning of the facts about our religion wasurged. Importance of the presence of the children in meeting for worship was stressed, for the sakes of both children and adults. It was suggested that the plan be tried, not every Sunday but several times in the near future. The Clerk stated that the objections were not strong to changing the time of the worship meeting and proposed that the Meeting try the plan for a period of time. An amendment was suggested, that on Fellowship Lunch Sundays, a meeting-wide event be scheduled. Regardless of their method, the influence of the personalities of the particular teachers may be the deciding factor. It was proposed that the future of the meeting lies in the success of First Day School. Others considered that the future of the meeting lies in the employment in this vicinity of Quakers who may have had their childhood elsewhere. It was asked whether the period from 10:20 to 11:00 would consist of factual instruction. The answer was that this has not been determined and will depend on a joint decision between parents and teachers concerned. The impression had been obtained by others that this time, as well as that from 11:15 to 12:00, would be used for vertical togetherness. It was urged that a former decision of the Monthly Meeting be sustained, that nothing conflict with the meeting for worship. It then was urged that both adults and children be offered a choice about attendance at the silent meeting for worship, and other forms of worship of God, such as working in clay.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS/MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 1964, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:50 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the first and second revised queries. Attendance then was 13.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of September 16, 1964, were read and minute 11 was corrected.

3. Trevor and Laura Robinson returned their traveling minute, endorsed by the Clerk of the Edinburgh Meeting.

4. The Clerk announced that each convener of a committee in the Meeting will have a key to the meetinghouse. One other key will rotate among weekly clean-up volunteers. The Clerk has 2 keys, 1 for lending for special use. Keys to office and basement will be kept in the meetinghouse. cc. to S. Fletcher

5. Steve Fletcher reported that the thermostats are not yet fully in order. The road and parking lot should be kept free of cars while being paved. This coming Sunday there will be a work session for planting shrubbery. Conveners of any evening meetings are responsible for cleaning up after their meetings. The Meetinghouse Committee would appreciate knowing about gifts of furnishings, to keep the meetinghouse within the architect's ideas. There is wiring for a phone, but as yet no meeting authorization. cc. to S. Fletcher

6. Bob Acard will undertake to have a program calendar of coming meetings and other meeting events. cc. to R. Acard

7. Copies of the proposed budget were distributed by mail several weeks ago. One is attached to these minutes, with corrections as stated by Robert Myers. Philip Woodbridge reported no action as yet by the Greenfield Preparative Meeting about making further funds available to the Monthly Meeting. cc. to R. Myers

8. Barbara Gilbert submitted a report regarding mortgage and savings account procedures, as attached to these minutes, and it was approved as written. The interest on our loan is 5%. cc. to R. Myers

9. The Clerk asked advice about numerous financial appeals received from other organizations. It was approved that such appeals be accumulated during each single year, and all be considered by the Finance Committee each year when setting up the new budget. cc. to R. Myers

10. The statements of intention to contribute are adequate to cover the totals proposed in the budget, and will allow some accumulation for the first few years towards subsequent higher repayments of loan principals. cc. to R. Myers

11. The budget was approved as proposed. It was further approved that the Finance Committee send an annual reminder to each family of the amount which they stated they intended to contribute. cc. to R. Myers

12. It was approved that a new edition of the Monthly Meeting directory be made, the cost to come from temporarily from the Administrative part of the budget and to be recovered by selling the copies at cost. The Quarterly Meeting has requested 25 copies of each Monthly Meeting's directory. cc. to A. Kaufield

13. The Finance Committee was requested to devise a statement which would bring to the attention of new members and attenders the financial needs of the Meeting. A statement will be included in the Newsletter. cc. to B. Gilbert 10-23-64 cc. to R. Myers 10-23-64 cc. to R. Myers

14. The Treasurer reported that bids for insurance are not yet all in. Our temporary insurance goes until 3 months after the building is accepted. cc. to R. Myers

15. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

16. Helen Griffith and Philip Woodbridge reported for the temporary committee on Monthly Meeting name revision. A post-card survey was conducted and tabulated. A copy of this tabulation is attached. The committee recommended that the Meeting choose between 3 of the names on the postcard and 1 of the new ones suggested by people who returned the postcard, namely Mt. Toby, Mid-Valley, Middle Valley, and Leverett Hills. The Meeting approved that the official name be Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends. cc. to F. Kaufhold

17. Phyllis Agard presented the revised proposal of the Religious Education Committee Next Sunday, Meeting for Worship will be at 11:00 and First Day School at 11:20. A special report on a Pendle Hill Conference will be presented at 10:00. A postcard announcement has gone out. Last Sunday we had 40 children, aged 1 to 17, in 4 groups More teachers are now needed! On Fellowship Sundays there will be no First Day School classes so that teachers may have a chance to attend Meeting for Worship. Parents then will have responsibility for their children above nursery age. cc. to P. Agard

18. In alternative proposals, with Meeting for Worship at 10:00 or at 10:30, the revised plan has the same outline as that presented in the Religious Education Committee minute attached to the Monthly Meeting minutes of September 9, 1964. Numerous different possibilities were next discussed for time of starting of Meeting for Worship. It was clear that 10:00 was inconvenient for many persons. The Meeting approved starting the Meetings for Worship at 10:30, for a trial period beginning October 25th and ending in June 1965, and that children may attend for either the first 20 minutes or the entire time, and that at the close of Meeting for Worship discussion and interest groups meet for such period of time as is convenient. cc. to P. Agard

19. Discussion elucidated that entering of meeting by late-comers and leaving of meeting by children causes less noise in the new meetinghouse. It was left that for a trial period we would agree that such of our own members as are late will know that they are expected to wait before entering the Meeting for Worship until 20 minutes after the Meeting for Worship began, but that no sign be posted which might be thought discourteous to visitors. This will be announced in the Newsletter. cc. to P. Agard

20. In connection with discussion about the content of the religious education classes, the Religious Education Committee urged Friends concerned about this matter to attend the classes, their committee meetings (October 22nd and every 3rd Thursday* thereafter), and their autumn retreat. cc. to P. Agard

21. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

22. Announcements:

a. The Clerk announced that a time change of Meeting for Worship will be sent to the newspapers by Laura Robinson.

b. Joseph Havens announced that Milton Mayer will speak on RELIGIOUS CONCERN AND SOCIAL ACTION In the Colonial Lounge, Student Union, University of Massachusetts, at 6:30 p.m., October 21st.

23. The meeting closed at 10:50 p.m. with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 20.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

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Recording Clerk

(* ... 3rd Thurs of each month. F.W.H.)

TABULATION OF POSTCARD SURVEY ABOUT MONTHLY MEETING NAME REVISION (minute 16, Oct. 14, 19[illegible])

	Number of voters choosing name as one of their 5 choices	Score (5=1st choice; 4=2nd choice, etc.	Number of voter objecting to this name*
Names that were on the postcard:			
Tri-County	1	1	7
Three County	2	5	4
Bull Hill	5	15	4
Western Hills	5	19	1
Cornfield	8	23	5
Leverett	12	30	2
Meadow	10	36	2
Circling Hills	13	41	3
Valley	15	54	2
Pioneer Valley	18	69	2
**Middle-Valley	19	73	-
**Mid-Valley	20	73	-
**Mt. Toby	30	122	-
Names that were added to the postcard by respondents:			
Middle Connecticut Valley	5	25	-
**Leverett Hills	2	7	-
Norwottock	6	29	-

*excluding those who objected to all names except the ones they chose.
**names the committee recommended the meeting choose among.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

Report of the Treasurer to Monthly Meeting for Business, October 14,1964.

We have about $5500 in our checking account
$ 500 in our savings account in the Greenfield Savings Bank

Balance in our Mortgage account in the Amherst Savings -	$14,250
Balance of payments to contractor -	$ 6,070
extra	8,180

It is recommended that we inform the Amherst Savings Bank Mortgage Dept, that we will not need the full $53,000 mortgage we originally asked for, and that we set the new figure at $44,000. This will require using about $800 from our chcking account, to finish paying the remainder of the expected bills from the contractor.

It is further recommended that we close our account with the Greenfield Savings Bank at the close of the next interest payment period, and open a Savings Account with the Amherst Savings Bank. It is proposed that we put about $2,000 from our checking accountinto this Savings account, as well as the $500 from the Greenfield Bank. As it is now we keep records of which funds are for which account, but do not keep them in separate accounts. We plan to use this Savings Account for Amortization payments, and will deposit all income for amortization in it.If possible we will make an arrangement with the bank to withdraw these payments automatically, requiring less postage etc. on our part.
We shall keep the remainder of the amount in the checking account in The First National Bank in Northampton, using this account for the Current Budget income and payments.

Members are requested to label donations for amortization or current expenses. We expect if this report is accepted to tell the Amherst savings Bank that we are ready to begin amortization payments in November on the basis of $44,000. These payments will be about $260 per month instead of the $316 per month we would have had to pay on $53,000.

Budget proposal by Finance Committee for year ending May 31, 1965, presented 9/'64.

	Actual past year	Budget past yr	Proposed Cur. Yr.
OPERATING BUDGET			
Meeting Activities			
Administrative and General	$ 37.34	$ 100	$ 100
Library (cumulative)	25.00*	25	25
First Day School (cumulative)	181.74*	150	200
Newsletter	132.53	200	200
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality	46.00	75	50
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50.00	50	50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies	0	0	55
Contingency ← Student Outreach	0	75	75 ← 25
TOTALS	$ 472.61	675	~~955~~ 780
Meetinghouse Maintenance			
Insurance	0	0	500
Household and Cleaning Supplies	0	0	50
Janitorial Service (Volunteer Service)	0	0	0
Lawn Care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip of some parts 3 times/yr	0	0	45
Snow removal	0	0	150
Heat & Light	0	0	500
Equipment (Mops, brooms, etc.)	0	0	100
Floor waxing annually	0	0	100
TOTALS	$ 0	0	1,445
Transitional Meetinghouse responsibilities			
Grange Hall Rental	900	900	75
Sunset Avenue Property Taxes	132.53	125	0
TOTALS	$1,032.53	1,025	75
Regional Outreach			
Yearly Meeting Contribution	500.00	500	500
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30.00	30	30
Quarterly Meeting Contribution	30.00	30	30
Woolman Hill	125.00	125	125
China Camp	50.00	50	50
Friends General Conf. Mtg. House Fund	0	0	15
TOTALS	$ 735.00	735	750
Widespread Outreach			
American Friends Service Committee	15.00	15	15
Friends Committee on National Legislation	15.00	15	15
Central Council for Conscientious Objectors	15.00	15	15
Frds World Committee and Fellowship Council	15.00	15	15
TOTALS	$ 60.00	60	60
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	$2,300.14	$2,495	~~$3,085~~ 3,110

BUILDING FUND BUDGET		
Bank Mortgage Amortization (principal and interest)		3,100
Frds Gen Conf Mtg Hse Loan Fund Interest (Princ. pmts start 5-1-70)		160
Greenfield Friends Loan (Interest starts 1-1-69)		0
BUILDING FUND BUDGET TOTAL		$ ~~3,260~~ 3,316
Basis for estimate of total amount needed from bank (face of mortgage):		
Due contractor for work yet to be completed		$ 14,055
Due contractor for work already completed (10% "retainage")		5,434
To be paid contractor for cabinets in kitchen		800
Estimated amount still due architect		500
		20,789
Fertilizer, lime, grass seed	155	
Survey of water line	150	
First Day School equipment	800	
Ten folding tables	315	
100 folding chairs	400	
Plastic roll for library	55	
Kitchen fa n	100	
Percolator and other kitchen items	55	
Plants, bushes, trees, etc.	300	
Meetinghouse sign	150	

Janitorial Service (Volunteer Service)	0	0	0
Lawn Care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip of some parts 3 times/yr	0	0	45
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Storm windows	600		2,080
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE			$ 23,869
Available in Building Fund Savings Account	6,400		
Reserve to be held for unanticipated expenses	2,000		
AVAILABLE TOWARD ANTICIPATED EXPENSE			4,400
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE TO BE ADDED TO MORTGAGE			~~19,469~~ 20,257
already drawn against mortgage			23,711
ANTICIPATED TOTAL MORTGAGE			~~43,180~~ 44,000

On a 24-yr mortgage, the bank expects us to pay $ 5.97 per month per 1,000 of face of the mortgage. Using a 43,180 as face, this gives about ~~$257~~ $262.62 per month, or about $ ~~3,166~~ 3,156 per year.

(*) Library, $ 10.11 added to savings; FLS Fund, $ 31.74 from savings; Scholarship Fund, $ 50.00 added to savings.